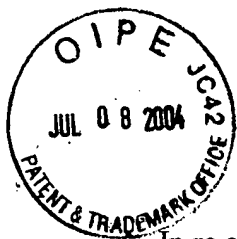


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In re application of:  
Sears et al.

Serial No.: 10/800,909

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For: System And Method For Stabilizing  
A Prosthetic Device

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.